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LEAGUE MEETING – February 17th

The League and Delta Sigma Theta will meet at the West Huntington Library, 10 am, Saturday February 17.

Councilman Bates and Councilwoman Polan will present the program. The topic of discussion will be about the "State of the City Address" and their personal obligations to help fulfill the mission of the city. The meeting is open to the public.

ADVOCACY

The LWV WEST VIRGINIA. (Julie Archer is our lobbyist.)

- Supports maintaining West Virginia's water quality standards to protect this valuable resource.
- Supports strengthening disclosure requirements for the sources of political campaign expenditures, including independent expenditures and election-related communications.
- Supports establishment of an independent commission to draw up redistricting plans for representatives to the US House of Representatives and the WV Legislature.
- Supports measures that encourage investment in energy efficiency in West Virginia's homes, businesses, and industries such as the LEEP program. ☐
- Supports maintaining expanded Medicaid coverage for the hundreds of thousands of West Virginians who rely on it for health care.

In addition, as bills come up that further or oppose our positions, we will take a stand. An example is SB 270 which will allow timbering in our state parks. We strongly oppose this bill. And we support the "Justice through Grace in Communities Act", HB 4281, which will add gender identity and sexual orientation to the Hate Crime Law.

UPcoming EVENTS

January 8 – May 4 – "Nevertheless She Persisted", MU Women's Exhibition 2018, featuring the work of current and past students, staff and faculty.
MU Drinko Library.

Feb 17th, 10 am – League and Delta Sigma Theta meeting. West Huntington Library. Mark Bates and Carol Polan, "State of the City."

March 1st, 7 pm – MU Foundation Hall. Amicus Curiae Lecture. "The Impact of Title IX on Women and Society."

March 14th – Candidates meeting (3rd District Congressional Representatives) for students at Huntington High School.

March 19th – Woodlands, Annual Meeting. Speaker - Prof. Dan Hollis, "Politics and the Media."

CONGRATULATIONS to the heroines of Heroin(e). The documentary movie was nominated for an Oscar.

The LWV is a nonpartisan organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Membership in the League is open to women and men of voting age. Annual dues, not tax deductible, are \$45 individual, \$60 for two in one household and \$24 for students. To join, send your check to: Ann Spear, Treasure, 706 Ridgewood Road, Huntington, WV 25701. Check is to be made out to the League of Women Voters of the Huntington Area.

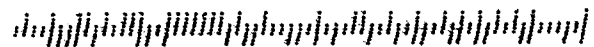
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Sign Up To Work the Polls

The Cabell County Clerk's office cites the need for more Election-day poll workers. If you are interested to work in the upcoming Primary Election May 8, 2018, you may contact the chairs of the parties to indicate your interest: T-Ann See, Republican Chair, (304) 617-6066. Bob Bailey, Democrat Chair, (304) 536-8637. For more questions, call the Cabell County Clerk's Office at (304) 526-8625.

According to West Virginia State Code paragraph 3-1-28 and 29-6-20, to be eligible to be appointed or to serve as an election official in any state, county, or municipal election in West Virginia, a person:

- Must be a registered voter of the county for elections held throughout the county, and a registered voter of the municipality for elections held within the municipality: Provided, that if the required number of persons eligible to serve as election officials for a municipality election are not available or are not willing to serve as election officials for a municipal election, a registered voter of the county in which the municipality is located may serve as an election official for elections held within the municipality.
- Must be able to read and write the English language.
- May not be a candidate on the ballot in the election or an official write-in candidate in the election.
- May not be the parent, child, sibling or spouse of a candidate on the ballot or an official write-in candidate in the precinct where the official serves.
- May not be a person prohibited from serving as an election official pursuant to any other federal or state statute;
- May not have been previously convicted of a violation of any election law.

To be eligible to work on Election Day, officials must attend a required training session to be scheduled during the month of April and 1st week of May, if needed. Each election official will be notified as to the date, time and place of these training sessions.

Pay for the election officials will be \$150.00 for Election Day and \$50.00 for the training session. The #1 Commissioner will also receive an additional \$50.00 for picking up supplies and \$25.00 for returning the election supplies. Alternates will receive \$50.00 for attending training, unless they are called upon to work Election Day and they refuse.

The training sessions last approximately 2 hours. The Polls are open for 13 hours on Election Day. Election officials report one hour before polls open and stay after the polls close until all work is completed.

ELECTIONS INFORMATION

Find your candidates for Congress and the WV Legislature on the Secretary of State's website, sos.wv.gov/elections/Districts (Choose the office. Enter your home address). Call the Cabell County's Voter Registration office, 304-526-8633, for countywide candidates. Watch for the dates of League sponsored candidates meetings.

The Huntington Area League is preparing a handout on the 2018 elections. It will include dates, how to register to vote, and the new law on Voter ID at the polls. There will be both a printed and electronic version of the publication. Those who would like to receive it electronically may contact Helen Gibbins, gibbins@frontier.com. Subject line - elections information. The Guide to the Voter ID law is also available on the Secretary of State's website, www.wvsos.gov.